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tures, he took but little part in the selection or preparation of it. His literary activity during this period was mostly confined to a revision of his poems for a new edition, and to a partial co-operation in the publication of a few essays written long before. The entire sanity of his intellect and the beautiful serenity of his disposition were untouched, but his memory, particularly of words, faded so as to render conversation a burden to him. At the funeral of Mr. Longfellow, a few weeks before his own death, it was remarked that he forgot the names of familiar acquaintances. A cold, taken a short time afterwards, passed into pneumonia, of which he died April 27, 1882, a few weeks short of his 79th birthday.

Mr. Emerson delivered the annual oration before the Φ . B. K. Society in 1837 and in 1867. He received the degree of LL.D. from Harvard College in 1867, and was chosen Overseer in the same year. In 1878 he was chosen Foreign Associate in the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences of the Institute of France, to fill the place left vacant by the death of Mr. J. L. Motley.

The following is a list of his principal published works:—*Nature*, 1836; Φ . B. K. Oration, 1837; *Essays*, first series, 1841; *Address on the Anniversary of Emancipation in the West Indies*, 1844; *Essays*, second series, 1844; *Poems*, 1847; *Miscellanies*, 1849; *Representative Men*, 1850; *Memoir of Margaret Fuller*, 1852; *English Traits*, 1856; *Conduct of Life*, 1860; *May-day and other Poems*, 1867; *Society and Solitude*, 1870; *Letters and Social Aims*, 1875; *Fortune of the Republic*, 1878.

THOMAS POTTS JAMES.

THOMAS POTTS JAMES died, at his residence in Cambridge, Feb. 22, 1882, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He had been a Fellow of the Academy for only four years, most of his life having been spent in Philadelphia, in the neighborhood of which city he was born on the 1st of September, 1803. His paternal and maternal ancestors were notable persons among the earlier settlers of Pennsylvania. For forty years he was engaged in business in Philadelphia as a wholesale druggist, on the relinquishment of which he removed to Cambridge, bringing his wife and their four children to her paternal home. From his youth he was more or less devoted to botany; but of late years, having more leisure for the indulgence of his taste, and wishing to be more than an amateur, he devoted himself exclusively and most sedulously to bryology, in which he became a

proficient. After the death of Mr. Sullivant in 1873, Mr. James and our Associate, Lesquereux, were looked to as the principal authorities upon Mosses in this country; and the duty appropriately devolved upon them of preparing the systematic work upon North American Bryology which Mr. Sullivant had planned. Owing to the pre-occupation of Mr. Lesquereux in vegetable palæontology, the laboring oar fell to Mr. James. He had already published some papers upon the subject in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, of which he had long been an active member, and he had contributed to Mr. Watson's Botany of Clarence King's Exploration on the Fortieth Parallel a notable article on the Musci of that Survey. Our own Academy has also published some of the results of the joint study of these two veteran bryologists. The characters of Mosses in these days are mostly drawn from their minute structure. Hundreds of species and varieties in numerous specimens had to be patiently scrutinized under the compound microscope, the details sketched, and collated, and the differences weighed. To this task Mr. James gave himself with single and untiring devotion. He had nearly brought this protracted labor of microscopical analysis to a conclusion, and was actually engaged in this work, when the eye suddenly was dimmed and the pencil dropped from his hand. Partial paralysis was soon followed by coma, and he died within a few hours. So very much has been done, that it is confidently hoped that his coadjutor may soon bring the work to a completion, and give to bryological students the Manual of North American Mosses which is greatly needed, and to which a vast amount of faithful research has been devoted. The name of Mr. James will thereby be inseparably associated with the advancement of an interesting branch of botany. He was not often seen at our meetings, but he is greatly missed by his associates in study, and his memory is cherished by all who in the various relations of life came to know this diligent and conscientious student of nature, and most estimable, simple-hearted, kindly, and devout man.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW was born in Portland, Maine, on the 27th of February, 1807. He died in Cambridge, Mass., on the 24th of March, 1882. At the age of fourteen he entered Bowdoin College (founded by the first President of the Academy), in a class which his own name and that of Nathaniel Hawthorne have made